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1. ROMANIAN PREPARATIONS FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL MOVED ANOTHER STEP TOWARD FORMALIZATION AT PARTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSION MAY 14. LABELING COUP "THE VICTORY OF POPULAR (AND) DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARY FORCES AND OF ARMED FORCES IN PORTUGAL", EXCO ASSERTED THAT "ROMANIAN PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP RELATIONS OF COOPERATION WITH THOSE FORCES, WITH THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, IN INTERESTS OF BOTH COUNTRIES' PROSPERITY, AND OF PROMOTING NEW RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES". ANNOUNCEMENT ALSO MENTIONS RECENT ROMANIAN CONSULTATIONS WITH "NATIONAL LIBERATION" REPRESENTA-
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TIVES FROM ANGOLA AND GUINEA-BISSAU AND "A SERIES

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OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE", AND EXPRESSES HOPE THAT
PORTUGAL'S AFRICAN TERRITORIES WILL "DEVELOP INDE-
PENDENTLY".

2. MIHNEA GHEORGHIU, CEAUSESCU'S RECENT EMISSARY
TO GEN. SPINOLA (REF A), TOLD AMBASSADOR MAY 15 HE
HAD REPORTED FAVORABLY ON JUNTA AND GENERAL ATMOSPHERE
IN PORTUGAL. NOTING THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND ROMANIA JURIDICALLY HAD NEVER
BEEN "BROKEN" BUT RATHER "INTERRUPTED" AFTER WORLD
WAR II, GHEORGHIU IMPLIED THAT ONLY TIMING WAS AT ISSUE
IN RESUMING RELATIONS AND NEXT STEP WAS UP TO PORTUGUESE.
GHEORGHIU STATED THAT FUNDAMENTAL AND FAVORABLE
TURNING POINT HAD OCCURRED IN PORTUGAL, AND HE HAD
BEEN SENT TO LOOK SCENE OVER. HE PROFESSED NO
KNOWLEDGE AND LITTLE INTEREST ON WHAT OTHER
EAST EUROPEAN GOVERNMENTS CHOSE TO DO, NOTING
ROMANIANS HAVE MOVED AHEAD OF OTHERS ON SUCH QUESTIONS
AS RELATIONS WITH WEST GERMANY.

3. GHEORGHIU ASSESSED PORTUGAL'S INTERNAL SITUATION
AS REMARKABLY CALM, WITH LEFTISTS, INCLUDING COM-
MUNIST PARTY, PLAYING RESTRAINED ROLE AND ESCHEWING
"EXTREMISM" AND "TERRORISM". AMONG POPULACE
HE HAD SENSED "EUPHORIA" OR "RELIEF" RATHER THAN
ANY "CHOOSING UP SIDES" FOR POSSIBLE CIVIL CONFLICT.

4. REFERRING TO GOR'S CONSULTATIONS WITH AFRICANS
(ABOVE), HE STATED ROMANIA FAVORS NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN
JUNTA AND COLONIES RATHER THAN CONTINUED ARMED
STRUGGLE. GHEORGHIU SAID HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT
ENTIRE JUNTA AND ALMOST ALL POLITICAL TENDENCIES
FAVORED SOME KIND OF INDEPENDENCE FOR COLONIES BUT
WERE NOT IN AGREEMENT ON HOW THIS SHOULD BE DEFINED
OR WHAT RESIDUAL TIES WITH PORTUGAL SHOULD BE PRESERVED,
E.G. COMMONWEALTH RELATIONSHIP OR MORE COMPLETE BREAK.
THEY WERE AGREED HOWEVER THAT SUCH DECISIONS HAD TO
BE MADE BY THE PEOPLE OF BOTH PORTUGAL AND THE
COLONIES.

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5. COMMENT: MENTION BY EXCO PUBLICLY AND GHEORGHIU
PROVATELY OF ROMANIAN CONTACTS WITH AFRICANS OVER
PORTUGUESE SITUATION COULD WELL IMPLY THAT, IN
ADDITION TO ENSURING THAT GOR'S MOVES TOWARD CLOSER
RELATIONS WITH JUNTA DO NOT WORK AT CROSS PURPOSES
WITH ROMANIA'S MORE IMPORTANT LONG-TERM AFRICAN
CONNECTIONS, CEAUSESCU MAY AGAIN NOT BE ADVERSE TO
INSINUATING THE GOR INTO SOME KIND OF "GOOD OFFICES"

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ROLE AS THE NEW SHAPE OF PORTUGAL'S RELATIONS
WITH COLONIES EMERGES.
BARNES

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